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providing the first and second trim parts, the first trim part having a mating surface configured to lie alongside a mating surface of the second part when the first and second trim parts are supported adjacent one another in a vehicle;

forming a recess having an undercut portion in the mating surface of the first trim part after providing the first trim part;

providing buffer material in the recess so as to provide a bead of buffer material on the mating surface of the trim part;

allowing the bead to mechanically connect to the first trim part by hardening of the buffer material within the recess; and

supporting the first and second trim parts adjacent one another with the second trim part contacting the bead of buffer material.

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--19. A method of forming a spacer on an automotive trim panel to reduce noises, comprising:

removing material along a first surface of the automotive trim panel to form a recess with an undercut portion; and

inserting an elastomeric material in the recess and allowing the elastomeric material to harden into a spacer having a first portion that extends into the undercut portion and a second portion that extends from the first surface away from the recess, the undercut portion mechanically coupling the spacer to the automotive trim panel.